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FROM AMBASSADOR ELIOT

DEPT PASS: USAID; USICA; PEACE CORPS; DEPT OF DEFENSE;
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FOR SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: TRANSFER ORDERS FOR AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AT KABUL

1. AN EMERGENCY SITUATION PRESENTLY EXISTS IN AFGHANISTAN DUE TO THE SUCCESSFUL MILITARY COUP WHICH ESTABLISHED A COMMUNIST REGIME CALLING ITSELF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND PRIME MINISTER, NUR MOHAMMAD TARAHI, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BABRAK, AND ALL CABINET MINISTERS ARE KNOWN COMMUNISTS OR LEFTISTS. HEAVILY ARMED MILITARY UNITS ARE STILL HIGHLY VISIBLE IN KABUL.
 2. I, THEREFORE, HAVE REQUESTED ALL HEADS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS
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OF AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO THIS COUNTRY WITH A VIEW TOWARD THINNING OUT THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE.

3. WE ARE TAKING A HARD LOOK AT THOSE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART ON REGULAR TRANSFER OR TO GO ON HOME LEAVE AND RETURN DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS WITH AN EYE TO REQUESTING IMMEDIATE ORDERS FOR DEPARTURE. WE ARE

NOT RPT NOT CALLING THIS AN EVACUATION BECAUSE THAT TERM
HAS A POLITICAL CONNOTATION WHICH WE DO NOT WISH TO
GIVE THE NEW REGIME.

4. I URGE ALL HEADQUARTERS AGENCIES TO GRANT IMMEDIATE ORDERS
FOR THOSE EMPLOYEES SO IDENTIFIED FOR EARLY DEPARTURE.
SEPARATE MESSAGES WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE HEADS OF THE
AGENCIES CONCERNED HERE AT KABUL.

5. FOR PEACE CORPS: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE NOT WORKING
OR WHO DESIRE TO LEAVE SHOULD BE GIVEN EARLY TERMINATION
OR ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE.

6. FOR USAID: MOST OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TO BE NAMED
ARE THOSE WHOSE POSITIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR
ABOLISHMENT.
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